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EO 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: LOS CONFERENCE AND THE STRAIT OF TIRAN

REF: TEL AVIV 3944

1. FYI IN REFERENCE TO TEL AVIV 3944 THE US DRAFT STRAITS ARTICLE APPLIES UNIMPEDED TRANSIT REGIME TO STRAITS USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION CONNECTING HIGH SEAS TO THE TERRITORIAL SEA OF A FOREIGN STATE (TIRAN) AS WELL AS TO STRAITS CONNECTING HIGH SEAS TO HIGH SEAS. SOVIET AND UK ARTICLES WOULD APPLY UNIMPEDED TRANSIT REGIME ONLY TO STRAITS USED FOR INTERNATIONAL NAVIGATION CONNECTING HIGH SEAS TO HIGH SEAS THOUGH UK ARTICLE WOULD, AS DOES 1958 TERRITORIAL SEA CONVENTION, APPLY NON-SUSPENDABEL INNOCENT PASSAGE IN STRAITS CONNECTING HIGH SEAS TO THE TERRITORIAL SEA OF A FOREIGN STATE.

2. MOST IMPORTANT DIFFERENCE WITH RESPECT TO TIRAN BETWEEN UNIMPEDED TRANSIT REGIME AND NON-SUSPENDABLE INNOCENT PASSAGE IS THAT RIGHT OF OVERFLIGHT IS NOT INCLUDED IN NON-SUSPENDABEL INNOCENT PASSAGE.
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3. US HAS INFORMALLY DISCUSSED WITH ISRAELI LOS DELEGATION WAYS OF NEUTRALIZING TIRAN ISSUE IN LOS NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT IN ANY WAY PREJUDICING THE LEGAL POSITION OF THE US OR ISRAEL. US IS WORKING CLOSELY WITH ISRAELI DELEGATION ON THIS ISSUE BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT NEWS-STORY REPORTED REFTEL REFLECTS DELIBERATE LEAK. DISCUSSIONS WITH ISRAELI LOS TEAM OF UTMOST SENSITIVITY AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY KEEPING LOS TEAM INFORMED OF FURTHER PRESS REPORTS OF ISRAELI CONTACTS ON THIS ISSUE.
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